

# APPRECIATION DINNER

*Honoring*

THE TEXAS RANGERS



*Sponsored by*

TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION

7:00 P. M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1958

RIDGLEA COUNTRY CLUB, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

## OUR HONORED GUESTS



Texas would not be Texas had it not been for a courageous band of hard fighting lawmen who have lived its history for more than 135 years.

Before statehood, and even before this great land of ours became the Republic of Texas, the Texas Rangers were assembled to protect the colonists from marauding Indians. Born in a tottering age, these famous lawmen since August 5, 1823, have lived and died to uphold the just.

In the beginning, ten brave men stood alone on the edge of the frontier between the settlers and the wilderness beyond. As the sound of the home builder's hammer penetrated the silence of the west, the Texas Ranger moved deeper into Indian land.

With the blast of the cannon, the Texas Ranger scouted and fought to make his new Republic an independent nation. And later when the report of the outlaw's six-shooter broke the tranquility of a peaceful settlement, the Texas Ranger came alone to apprehend the guilty.

Throughout the years these brave men faced an enemy of tremendous odds, but they pressed onward, driven by a conviction that "no man in the wrong can stand up against a person that's in the right and keeps on a-comin!"

The great history of the Texas Rangers is symbolized today by 51 men who live by the traditions of the past and combat the lawless of today with unequalled valor and knowledge.

These proud yet humble lawmen serve as a stabilizing force in the Lone Star State to make our lives more secure. A deterrent to any foe or felon, an assurance to present and future generations, stands the knowledge that there will always be a Texas Ranger.



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK

*The Texas Rangers Honor Banquet climaxes Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, sponsored statewide October 5-11 by the Texas Law Enforcement Foundation under a proclamation by Governor Price Daniel.*

Texas citizens were urged to express appreciation to all peace officers, both state and local, for the protection they give to our lives, property, and homes.

As an extension of the objectives of T. L. E. F., citizens were asked to learn more about their peace officers and the problems they face and to extend greater moral and financial support on behalf of better law enforcement.

Many individuals and an impressive number of local Junior Chamber of Commerce clubs, working with T. L. E. F. through their state office, administered highly successful Law Enforcement Appreciation Week activities in their own communities. To all of these civic-minded individuals, T. L. E. F. extends its grateful appreciation on behalf of peace officers everywhere.

# PROGRAM

INVOCATION: Park Street, San Antonio, Member, T. L. E. F. Board of Directors.

WELCOME: J. E. Connally, Abilene, President, Texas Law Enforcement Foundation.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS: Ben Wooten, Dallas, Master of Ceremonies.

OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS: Recognition and tribute to the State Department of Public Safety; State Liquor Control Board; State Game and Fish Commission; Office of the State Attorney General; District and County Attorneys; County Sheriffs Departments; Justices of the Peace and Constables; and Municipal Police Departments.

THE PROBLEMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT: Erle Stanley Gardner, Temecula, California.

THE SAGE OF SEAGOVILLE: Chill Wills, Hollywood, California.

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE AND THE SOVIET CHALLENGE:  
General Charles P. Cabell, Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D.C.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEXAS RANGERS: Ben Wooten.  
Presentations by T. L. E. F. on behalf of the grateful citizens of Texas to the Texas Rangers. (Representing T. L. E. F.: J. E. CONNALLY and E. B. GERMANY.)

RESPONSE: Col. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director, State Department of Public Safety, Austin.

SALUTE TO THE RANGERS: "The Eyes of Texas".

## THE TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION



The Texas Law Enforcement Foundation is a non-profit, non-political organization of public-spirited Texans dedicated to enlisting the aid of good citizens in support of good law enforcement. It has attracted nationwide attention as the only state organization of its kind. The T. L. E. F. is not a crime commission; it does not function to investigate law enforcement agencies or officers. Its aim is to help them, not to hinder or harass.

# MENU

FRESH FRUIT COCKTAIL

FILET MIGNON

POTATOES RISOLEE'

STRING BEANS FARMER STYLE

LETTUCE & TOMATO SALAD,

FRENCH DRESSING

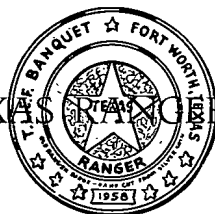
ROLLS

BUTTER

BLACKFOREST CAKE

COFFEE

## T. L. E. F.—TEXAS RANGERS MEDALLION



To commemorate this event — when for the first time in their long brilliant history the Texas Rangers gathered to be honored by the citizens of Texas — and to express appreciation to each person who so generously contributed to finance the many projects of T. L. E. F., a special medallion has been struck for each dinner guest.

The central design has an interesting history. The first Texas Rangers, ten men appointed by Stephen F. Austin in 1823 to “range” the state as protection for settlers against Indians, had no official badge. Early badges were hand cut by the Rangers from Mexican silver dollars. The basic design was a star, its points supporting a ring. The Rangers carved their names across the upper part of the wheel . . . guests may wish to do the same on their medallions.

When the Department of Public Safety was organized in 1935, this early design of the Texas Rangers, the nation's oldest state law enforcement group, was adapted for the basic badge of the Department.

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Governor Price Daniel serves as Honorary Chairman of The Texas Law Enforcement Foundation. Erle Stanley Gardner is Special Advisor and Dr. LeMoyn Snyder is Medicolegal Counsel to T. L. E. F.

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